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Information

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- Between 14 and 19 September 1953, the Mudra Kaserne in Riesa was occupied to capacity as previously by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. On 15 September, about 15 trucks, occupied by about 150 engineers and 4 pontoons

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left the installation toward the Elbe River. Engineer soldiers practiced river crossing with 12 T-34/85 tanks near Riesa, with each tank loaded on a four-pontoon ferry. After 2 hours, the tanks, left toward Zeithain and engineers and motor vehicles left toward the Mudra Kaserne. At about 11 a.m. on 16 September, 18 to 20 trucks towing 120-mm and 160-mm mortars entered the installation, coming from the direction of Zeithain. The trucks were occupied by each about 12 to 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops observed in the installation received instruction on guns.

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- Between 14 and 19 September, the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne was occupied to capacity as previously. The installation was fully lighted after nightfall. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia and blue epaulets. At noon on 16 September, 8 trucks, each occupied by 25 soldiers wearing blue epaulets left the installation toward Oschatz.

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- During the period under review, little practice was observed in the Zeithain area. At about 9 p.m. on 18 September, about 50 to 60 JS tanks

were seen en route to the camp, coming from the direction of Oschatz. Reports of rocket launchers were heard on 18 September. reports of guns of large caliber were rather frequent after 15 September.

- Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of the two barracks installations in Riesa over a report covering the period from 10 to 13 September. Large elements of the 218th Mort Regt and the 286th Engr Bn of the 9th Tank Div were stationed in the Mudra Kaserne during the period under review. These units, therefore, are confirmed in Riesa until 15 September. It is undetermined whether a tank unit is also stationed in the installation; definite information will be available after the completion of the summer training. The occupation of the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne is

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still undetermined. Neither information in this report   contain indications for the presence there of the 70th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division carried in this installation. As the division headquarters is believed stationed in Riesa, the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne is probably occupied by the unidentified signal battalion.

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